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In re application of:

FERRICK et al.

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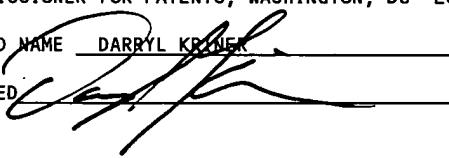
For: *Methods and Compositions for
Screening for Modulators of IgE
Synthesis, Secretion and Switch
Rearrangement*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-15 and 23-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

16. A method of screening for bioactive agents that modulates IgE production, said method

comprising:

- a) contacting a candidate bioactive agent and a cell expressing IgE;
- b) determining the amount of IgE produced in said cell;